

Iowa Department of Human Services
NOTICE OF DECISION TO SUSPEND SUPPORT ORDER

Date: _____
Case Number: _____
Worker: _____

Child Support Recovery Unit

Telephone () _____

This is ☐ an amended **OR**, ☐ **Not amended** the notice regarding your request to suspend the following support orders:

<i>Court Order Number</i>	<i>Date Filed</i>	<i>County/State</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

This request is based on

☐ **Reconciliation:** the reconciliation of the parents, who are living with all of the children entitled to ongoing support under the orders listed above.

☐ **Change of Residency:** a change in the residency of the children, entitled to ongoing support under the orders listed above, to the household of the parent ordered to pay support.

The following action has been taken regarding this request:

☐ **If Request Accepted:**

Request accepted. Your request for suspension has been accepted. The Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) will prepare and present to the district court an order suspending the following ongoing support provisions under each of the orders listed above:

- ☐ child support
- ☐ medical support for the children
- ☐ alimony or other spousal support, including medical support

This suspension will become effective the date an order to suspend the support obligation is entered with the court. Any support that was due before that date continues to be due and can be enforced by any manner allowed by state and federal law.

Under this process, support can only be suspended for Iowa orders or out-of-state orders over which the state of Iowa has jurisdiction. Iowa does not have the power to end any orders under the jurisdiction of other states. The Unit will continue to enforce support obligations under orders that it can't suspend. To stop this enforcement, you must end the support order in the state that has jurisdiction over the order.

If another state's child support enforcement agency is enforcing a support order on your behalf, you may need to contact that state's agency and request case closure.

The Unit may ask the court to reinstate the suspended order if, within six months of the date an order is entered suspending the support order, either of the following happens:

- (a) The obligor, the obligee, or any assignee, requests that the support order be reinstated. Any request for reinstatement must be made in writing, to the local child support office listed on the first page of this notice. The request must state the reason for reinstatement and provide enough information to identify the order and parties involved.
- (b) The children entitled to ongoing support begin receiving public assistance benefits and the parent ordered to pay support is not a member of the public assistance household.

Unless reinstated, an order suspending support becomes final six months after entry. This ***does not*** mean that a new support order cannot be entered against either parent if conditions change later. It just means that a new order must be entered rather than reinstating the old order.

☐ If Request Returned:

Your request for suspension has been returned because

- ☐ the *Request to Suspend Support*, form 470-3033, did not contain necessary information. The form is being returned to you to
 - ☐ complete Part 3. ***Enter all orders affecting the same obligor, obligee and children.***
 - ☐ complete Part 4. ***Children for whom support is ordered.***
- ☐ you did not sign the *Request to Suspend Support*, form 470-3033 as required. The form is being returned to you to sign.

The Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) can't process your request until you return the signed Request for Suspension. Please sign the request and return it to the office listed on the first page of this notice of decision as soon as possible so that we can continue processing your request.

☐ If Affidavit Returned:

The *Affidavit Regarding Suspension of Support*, form 470-3032, is incomplete. The affidavit requires that all necessary parties sign the document in the presence of a notary. The form is being returned to you for you to sign.

The Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) can't process your request for suspension services until you return the completed affidavit. Please sign the affidavit in front of a notary and return it to the office listed on the first page of this notice of decision as soon as possible so that we can continue processing your request.

☐ If CSRU not providing enforcement services:

You do not qualify for the suspension process because the Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) is not providing enforcement services for the order(s) to be suspended. We are returning the request form to you along with an application for services. To qualify for the suspension process you must fill out and return the application. Also send your *Request for Suspension* with the completed form 470-0188, *Application for Nonassistance Support Services*.

The Unit can't process your request until you return the application for services and the signed Request for Suspension. Please fill out the application for services, sign the request and return it to the office listed on the first page of this notice of decision as soon as possible so that we can continue processing your request.

☐ If Request Denied:

Request denied. Your request for suspension has been denied because

- ☐ the Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) does not have jurisdiction to suspend this order.
- ☐ the basis for suspension, change of residency, does not affect ***all*** of the children entitled to ongoing support under the order to be suspended.
- ☐ the reason for suspension is not expected to last at least six months.
- ☐ the basis for suspension, reconciliation, does not affect ***all*** of the children entitled to ongoing support under the order to be suspended.
- ☐ the request was made by someone other than the obligor, the obligee, the assignee, or their attorney.
- ☐ the Unit accepted or denied a previous request within the last two years for the same order.
- ☐ Because (other denial reason)

This denial ***does not*** affect the right of either party to seek the services of a private attorney or petition the court directly to end a support obligation.

If you have questions regarding this notice or the suspension process, please contact the Unit indicated on the first page of this notice.

☐ If Request Pending:

Request pending. Your request for suspension is pending. Our records indicate the children entitled to support under the order to be suspended are currently receiving public assistance benefits. Under state law, the Child Support Recovery Unit (the Unit) may provide suspension services for people receiving public assistance only if the parent ordered to pay support is considered part of the public assistance household.

If you receive public assistance and you have not already done so, you must report any change in your household's membership to your local Department of Human Services (DHS) Office within 10 days of the change. Once the local DHS office confirms the parent ordered to pay support is considered part of the public assistance household, the Unit will take further action on your request and issue a new Notice of Decision.

POLICY ON NONDISCRIMINATION

This action was taken without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, physical or mental disability, religion, national origin, or political belief. If you have reason to believe you have been discriminated against for any of the reasons stated above, you may file a complaint with the Iowa Department of Human Services (IDHS) by completing a Discrimination Complaint form. Any IDHS office, institution, or the IDHS Diversity Programs Unit can give you a form. You may also file a complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission (if you feel you were treated differently **because of** your race, creed, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability); or the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights.

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